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AYAKO SUKIURA

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6381]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6381) for the relief of Ayaki Sukiura, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to enable the Japanese fiancée of a citizen member of our Armed Forces to enter the United States for the purpose of marrying her citizen fiancé and to thereafter reside in the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 20-year-old native and citizen of Japan, and she is the fiancée of Staff Sgt. Gordon H. Smitherman, Jr., who is presently on duty with our Armed Forces in Alabama. Sergeant Smitherman previously saw duty in Japan, where he became engaged to the beneficiary of the bill.

Congressman Francis E. Walter, the author of the bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and submitted the following information received from Hon. Sam Hobbs, a former Member of Congress:

HOBBS, HOBBS & HOBBS,
Selma, Ala., March 12, 1952.

HON. FRANCIS E. WALTER,
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

DEAR FRANCIS: Thank you so much for your letter of March 4 in re H. R. 6381, a bill for the relief of Ayako Sukiura.

Sergeant Smitherman stopped by the office this morning, and left additional documents for the support of this bill, Sergeant Smitherman having just received

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these documents from Japan. I am enclosing them herewith and hope that they will reach you before the bill comes up for consideration.

With deepest appreciation for all that you've done for me in this matter, and with kindest personal regard, I am, as always,

Sincerely, your friend,

SAM.

STATEMENT

FEBRUARY 29, 1952.

Name: Ayako Sukiura.

Date of birth: August 28, 1931, age 20.

Present address: No. 1 Owaza-Kamikawahara, Shinkawa-cho, Nishi-Kasugai-gun, Aichi Prefecture. (From August 1951.)

Last place of residence: No. 28, 6 chome, Komatsu-cho, Jikusa-Ku, Nagoya City. (From December 1940 to August 1951.)

Registered address: The same as above present address.

Other address: None.

Occupation: None.

I certify that the above statements are true and correct.

AYAKO SUKIURA.

Translated: Junei Kayama, No. 70, 2 chome, Shiroyama-cho, Jikusa-ku, Nagoya City.

STATEMENT

FEBRUARY 29, 1952.

Name: Ayako Sukiura.

Address: No. 1, Owaza-Kamikawahara, Shinkawa-cho, Nishi-Kasugai-gun, Aichi Prefecture.

I, Ayako Sukiura, desire to marry Gordon H. Smitherman, AF14184901, I love him very much. I will respect him after we are married, then when I go to United States of America, I will respect all laws and conform to all customs of the people of the United States of America.

I certify that the above statements are true and correct.

AYAKO SUKIURA.

Translated: Junei Kayama, No. 70, 2 chome, Shiroyama-cho, Jikusa-ku, Nagoya City.

HEADQUARTERS, SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY SQUADRON,
APO 710, May 1, 1951.

Subject: Letter of appreciation.

To: Staff Sgt. Gordon H. Smitherman, Six Thousand One Hundred and Third Maintenance and Supply Squadron, APO 710.

In departing from this organization I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent performance as chief dispatcher of the motor pool, during the period June 24 to date.

Your attention to duty, initiative, cooperation, leadership, and esprit de corps contributed greatly toward achieving the present excellent record of this organization.

I want you to know that I very much appreciate your efforts, loyalty, and cooperation; and I wish for you the best of luck in attaining your future hopes and aspirations.

L. W. ARNOLD,
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force,
Commanding.

MOTOR VEHICLE SECTION,
6103D MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY SQUADRON,
APO 710, July 30, 1951.

Subject: Letter of appreciation.

To: Staff Sgt. Gordon H. Smitherman, AF14184901, Six Thousand One Hundred and Third Maintenance and Supply Squadron.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent performance of duties as chief dispatcher, Nagoya Motor Pool.

Your attention to duty, initiative, cooperation, and leadership has contributed greatly toward achieving the present excellent record of this activity.

Upon your departure to the zone of interior I want you to know that I very much appreciate your efforts, loyalty, and cooperation and I look forward to again having you serve with me, and I wish you the best of luck in attaining your future hopes and aspirations in the United States Air Force.

JOHN W. ROBERTS,
Captain, United States Air Force,
Transportation Officer.

LAWLEY, ALA., February 8, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I am the father of Gordon H. Smitherman, Jr. My son has discussed with me his proposed marriage to Ayako Sukiura, of Japan. We have spent many hours discussing this matter.

I hereby certify that he has my consent to marry this person in Japan, and am fully aware of the facts of the situation.

GORDON H. SMITHERMAN.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this February 8, 1952.

[SEAL]

H. K. COTTINGHAM,
Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large.

My commission expires October 31, 1955.

3615TH MOTOR VEHICLE SQUADRON,
Craig Air Force Base, Ala., February 11, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

Staff Sgt. Gordon H. Smitherman has been a member of my command for 4 months. Sergeant Smitherman's character is beyond reproach. His efficiency is excellent. I believe Sergeant Smitherman is capable of making very sound decisions in his own personal affairs.

ALBERT J. GATES,
Captain, USAF, Commanding.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of February 1952.

[SEAL]

R. S. DAILEY, Notary Public.

My commission expires March 1, 1953.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN,
3615TH PILOT TRAINING WING,
Craig Air Force Base, Ala., February 11, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is with reference to Staff Sgt. Gordon Henry Smitherman, AF14184901, who is making a request for Ayako Sukiura, Japanese national, to be permitted entrance into the United States for purpose of marriage with subject airman.

Sergeant Smitherman has given evidence in a personal conference with me that his intentions in this case are sincere and above suspicion. We discussed

at length the various problems related to this case and though I did not know him previously, I found no cause to doubt this man's explanation of the case.

As to the character of Sergeant Smitherman it is my opinion that he is a man of integrity with a high degree of personal responsibility.

I hope that the above will be helpful in expediting the matter which is before you.

Sincerely,

NATHANIEL H. BRITTAIN,
Chaplain (Major), USAF.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of February 1952.

[SEAL]

R. S. DAILEY,
Notary Public.

My commission expires March 1, 1953.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6381) should be enacted.

